

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A subscriber database in a prepaid system, comprising a subscriber database entry for a plurality of prepaid subscribers, each subscriber database entry comprising:

an amount of time remaining for subscriber use based on a plurality of replenishments having at least two different rate plans.

2. (original) The subscriber database in a prepaid system according to claim 1, wherein each subscriber database entry further comprises:

a value of a rate plan of a latest replenishment.

3. (original) The subscriber database in a prepaid system according to claim 2, wherein each subscriber database entry further comprises:

an adjusted balance value determined based on said value of said rate plan of said latest replenishment.

4. (original) A subscriber database in a prepaid system, comprising a subscriber database entry for a plurality of prepaid subscribers, each subscriber database entry consisting of:

an amount of time remaining for subscriber use based on a plurality of replenishments having at least two different rate plans;

a value of a rate plan of a latest replenishment; and

an adjusted balance value determined based on said value of said rate plan of said latest replenishment.

5. (currently amended) A method of maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system, said method comprising:

firstly recording a first replenishment of said subscriber account having a first rate;

secondly recording a second replenishment of said subscriber account having a second rate, said second rate being different than said first rate; and

revising a total dollar amount of said subscriber account including at least a portion of a dollar value of said first replenishment based on said first rate together with a dollar value of said second replenishment ~~both~~ based on said second rate.

6. (original) The method of maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system according to claim 5, wherein:

said second recording is performed before said first replenishment becomes exhausted in said subscriber account.

7. (currently amended) Apparatus for maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system, comprising:

means for firstly recording a first replenishment of said subscriber account having a first rate;

means for secondly recording a second replenishment of said subscriber account having a second rate, said second rate being different than said first rate; and

means for revising a total dollar amount of said subscriber account including at least a portion of a dollar value of said first replenishment based on said first rate together with a dollar value of said second replenishment ~~both~~ based on said second rate.

8. (original) The apparatus for maintaining subscriber account balance information in a prepaid system according to claim 7, wherein:

said means for secondly recording performs said recording before said first replenishment becomes exhausted in said subscriber account.